against any employee involved in the pilferage of power. However, according to DESU no case of involvement of its employees in the pilferage of power has come to the notice of the Undertaking.

Train Accident near Gwalior

5485. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether atrain accident took place near Gwalior on August 10, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reasons of the accident; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to dissuade passengers from travelling on the roof of the train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). While 657 Dn. Gwalior-Bhind passenger train was passing under an overbridge between Gwalior and Gawlaka Mandir. passengers travelling on the roofs of the coaches hit against the girder of the bridge resulting in the death of 4 persons, grievous injury to 10 and simple injury to 22 persons.

(d) The measures taken to curb roof travel include detraining passengers from the roof of the trains, publicity campaigns through different media, surprise checks from time to time and deterrent penalties incorporated in the Railways Act.

[Translation]

Expansion of Railways

5486. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of increase per year in the rail fares and freight during the last three years;

(b) the percentage of increase per year in the construction of New railway lines, conversion of meter gauge lines into broad gauge, starting new train services and tools trains during the last three years; and

(c) the names of railway lines introduced and the number of railway services discontinued during that period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MALLIKARJUN)(a) Increase in rail fares and freight charges during the last three years is indicated below:

I PASSENGER FARES:

1989-90: There was no increase in the passenger fares during 1989-90.

1990-91: With effect from 1-5-1990, the passenger fares were increased as under

Distance slab	Increase	Passenger fares KMS. per Ticket
(i) Second Class increase	1-25	No
	26-100	1.00